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May 19, 2006

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Charles Knouse, D.O.
90 West Boston Street, Suite 101
Chandler, AZ 85225

RE: Letter of Concern, Case No. 3515

Dear Dr. Knouse,

At their meeting on May 13, 2006, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") conducted an investigative hearing on the above-referenced complaint. Based on the information presented, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D) (2). The Board was concerned that you did not adequately document all your findings and decision making in the patient chart which could ultimately lead to a violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854 (21) (a), which states:

"Failing or refusing to establish and maintain adequate records on a patient as follows: If the patient is an adult, for at least seven years after the last date the licensee provided the patient with medical or health care services."

A Letter of Concern is a non-disciplinary action that remains part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance (May 13, 2006). During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base or Health Care Integrity and Protection Databank.

Respectfully,


Jack Confer
Executive Director

JC/s

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